

Atty. Dkt. No. 054707-0868

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 and 27-49 are cancelled and claim 25 is amended to remove non-elected subject matter. New claims 50-58 are added. Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 25, 26 and 50-58 would be pending.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons which follow.

35 U.S.C. 102(e)

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Meyerhoff et al. In support of this rejection, the Office action states: "Meyerhoff et al. Teach [sic] the use of a NAALADase inhibitor for the treatment of glaucoma."

The foregoing amendments obviate this rejection.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that this application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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